**Annual Flowering** 

**Plants** 

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PANSY

(Viola Tricolor)

The pansy sometimes called hearts-

ease, is a favorite with almost every-

one. It is a plant that demands more than ordinary attention, but none re-

pays such attention more liberally. For

very early outdoor bedding the seed is

sown in the autumn-September-in a

cold frame, or in rich, moist garden beds, from which the plants can be trans-

ferred to a cold frame, setting them

two or three inches apart each way before severe winter weather begins. In

spring three-fourths of them can be

lifted out for bedding, and the rest left

to bloom in the frame. For winter

bloom in a frame, set the plants about

twice as far apart, and thin out half

of them in spring. Cover the bloom-

ing plants with sash, adding a cover-

ing of matting or straw in very cold

weather. In mild weather remove the

mats and tilt the sashes to admit light

and fresh air and to prevent the plants

from becoming drawn. In outdoor

beds raised a few inches above the

ground, with a mulch of dry leaves and

young, vigorous plants should be ready

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some brush to hold them in place, pan-If your eyes smart or feel scalded, Roman Eye Balsam applied upon going to bed is just the thing to relieve them. Adv. sies will often winter nicely and bloom until midsummer, when a relay of

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pirations?" "Oh, he don't bother any about history. He wants to be an actor."

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ply because he doesn't burn it.



to replace them.

during the early rains. Seed sown in a cool, moist place in June and July, pearance. and well tended, will give good flowering plants for fall. If they come into bloom in the heat of summer the flow-ers may be small at first, but as the length of time they will keep in a weather becomes cooler they will in- fresh and attractive condition after becrease in size and beauty. Through belong and placed in water. summer heat the flowers are finer in a somewhat shaded place, but in almost any situation good pansy seed Many a man has money to burn sime will give fine flowers in spring and fall. Early fall sowings give the finest spring flowers.

#### PINKS (Dianthus)

The large and varied genus of dianthus contains some of our most beautiful and most profitable flowers. The most of them are hardy perennials that bloom freely the first season, the plants remaining green all winter and blossoming the next year also if lightly protected by a mulch of straw, cut fodder, or leaves. Old plants flower the earliest, but as young ones give the largest, finest flowers, sowings are made every year. Seed can be sown under glass or in an open sheltered bed in March. The seedlings are easily transplanted and should stand eight to twelve inches apart; dwarf ones, about six inches. If especially large, brilliant flowers are desired, a bed of well-mixed turfy loam, leafmold, and well-decayed manure should be prepared for them. Good drainage should be provided, as the plants are Impatient of too much moisture and are more liable to winter-kill in moist than in well-drained situations. In fact, the plant is hardy to severe cold, but succumbs when exposed to low temperatures in wet places.



Carnation Pink.

dianthus caryophyllus, which is the developed the young plants should be forcing carnation of the American tior- transplanted to thumb pots or to boxes ist, can be grown from seeds sown where they will stand about two inches early in the season in hotbeds, the apart each way. An abundance of young plants being given frequent light and water is at all times necesshifts to pots of increased size as they grow, until all danger of frost is past be exercised to prevent them from beand the growing season is well on, when they may be transferred to the plants produce the best flowers. border where they are to bloom, If they are given a rich soll and anabundance of moisture, the bloom will sign that a change for the better is more than repay the extra trouble near at hand.

Seedling plants are more vain character than plants propafrom cuttings, and for that reaon are not well suited for commercial

the continent of Europe this type ianthus is more commonly used as a garden annual than in America. The known as "Marguerite carnawhich has recently come into popular favor, is well adapted to cultivation as an annual. The majority of its flowers come double, and it has

a pleasing habit of growth.

Sweet William.—The sweet william, dianthus barbatus, which is to be found in every grandmother's garden, ne of the most satisfactory memof this group for annual planting.



Scotch or Grass Pink.

While seed can be sown in the open early in the season, about corn-plant-Spring sowings should be made ing time, the best results in the way early, so as to secure good flowers dur- of early bloom come from plants produced from seeds sown in a hotbed not later than the 10th of March in the intitude of New York, the young plants being pricked out into flats, or, preferably, into thumb pots, and later shifted to three-inch pots before planting in the flowering border. The outside planting of hotbed-grown plants should be delayed until the season has advanced sufficiently to prevent the plants suffering from a check by cold after being placed in the open. The pet grown plants should be set at least ten inches apart and seedlings from seeds sown in the open had best be thinned to stand at least eight inches

> The Scotch Pink, or Grass Pink .-The Scotch pink, dianthus plumarius, is a hardy dianthus, which, when treated as an annual in like manner as the sweet william, gives very satisfactory results. The delicately fringed, varionsly colored, fragrant flowers give the plants an odd yet attractive ap-

The flowers of all the plants of this group are most satisfactory for bou-

#### BALSAM

(Impatiens Balsamina) A native of India, the garden balsam loves a hot sun, rich soil, and plenty of water. The young plants are quick, sure growers, and from



Balsam.

soon form handsome bushes thickly massed with large, rose-like flowers. Transplanting two or three times has a tendency to dwarf the plants into better shape and to make the flower. more double. Balsams are not often given room for perfect development; they will easily cover 12 to 18 inches of space each way. For the finest flowers choice seed is more than usually essential, for cultivation and selection have wrought wonders with this plant. The one objection to the balsam is its habit of producing its flowers as it were, on the underside of the leaves, or inside the plant. While the individual flowers are beautiful, the obscure manner in which they are borne detracts considerably from the value of the plants. When used at the margin of groups or to crown a terrace they are shown at best advantage.

For early bloom the seeds should be sown about the middle of March in a gentle hotbed or in the dwelling house, The Carnation Pink.—This plant, As soon as the first true leaves have sury with these plants. Care should coming drawn, as stocky, symmetrical

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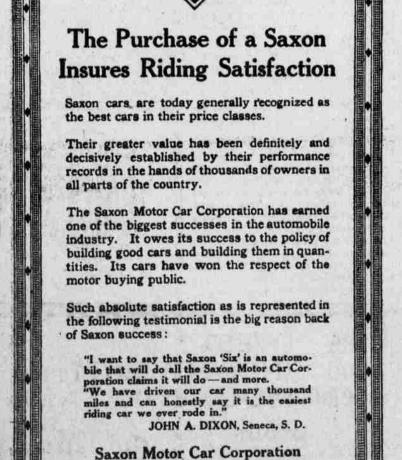


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